Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government are not in possession of the statistics and it is not possible to collect them without much labour and time.

Suicide in the State.

59. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the rate of suicide in the State (number to every ten thousand of the population);

(2) what the economic aspect of suicide is;

(3) whether poverty, or as more common, fear of it, has not been one of the causes of suicide?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) ·375 to every ten thousand.

(2) Suicide on account of economic distress is very rare in this State.

(3) Yes; but very rarely.

Tuberculosis in the State.

60. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the statistics relating to tuberculosis (per cent of the total population, etc.) in the State and the part want and the consequent under-nourishment plays in swelling the number?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Statistics relating to Tuberculosis in the State are not available. Want and under-nourishment are contributory factors, but lack of sanitary and hygienic conditions such as residence in ill-ventilated houses, congested localities, spitting in open places, etc., are more responsible for the incidence of this disease.

Legislation against suicide.

61. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 128 of 16th December 1931, regarding incongruity in the existing legislation against suicide, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have grasped the import of the question in the interval and that they can do constructively to remove the inconsistency pleaded against?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The question is not intelligible.

Application by the Azhikode Co-operative Society for loan.

62. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 172, 17th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to supply the information for which notice was requested?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The request from the Azhikode Societyfor a loan was not granted.

Destruction of Agricultural land by sea-erosion—investigations by the Harbour Engineer.

63. **Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 173, 17th December 1931, regarding destruction of agricultural land due to sea-erosion and in the light of the Government's remarks on the subject in the last sitting, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the views of the Harbour Engineer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The investigations have not yet beenmade by the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief.

Opening of Poor House.

64. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 223, 17th December 1931, regarding Poor House, will the Government be pleased to state when it will open and receive inmates?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Poor House was formally opened to receive inmates on 2nd Edavam 1108.

Causes of crimes.

65. **Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 251, 18th Decemter 1931, regarding the economic aspect of crimes, will the Government be pleased to state whether want and penury never caused crimes?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Want and penury may sometimes cause crimes.

Petition—Bavunni and others.

66. **Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the petition from Mr. Bavunni and others to the Cranganur Magistrate on or about the first of Meenam 1108; and

(2) state what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Copy is placed on the table (*Appendix III*).

(2) The cases filed in court including the Police charge case were compromised by the parties.

Necessity for marriage laws.

67. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to questions Nos. 274 and 281, 18th December 1931 regarding the necessity

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